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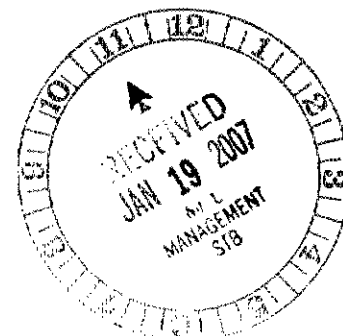
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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

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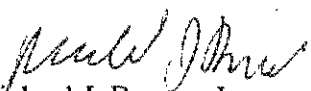


Re: **Docket No. AB-303 (Sub-No. 28X)—Wisconsin Central Ltd.—
Abandonment Exemption—In Ashland County, Wisconsin**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding are an original and ten copies of Wisconsin Central Ltd.'s Request for Extension of Time to File a Notice of Consummation. Feel free to call me if you have questions.

Very truly yours,

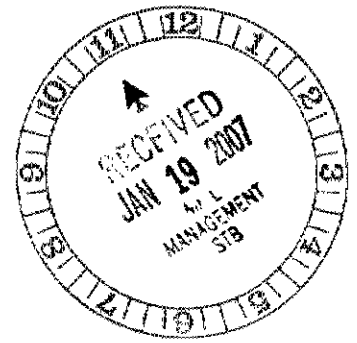

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Wisconsin Central Ltd. ("WCL") has authority, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 1152, Subpart F, to abandon its line of railroad from a point of switch off WCL's mainline through Ashland at Milepost 434.49 and continuing 5,160 feet to the end of WCL's Ashland Ore Dock in Ashland, Ashland County, Wisconsin ("Ore Dock Line"), subject to resolving a Section 106 Historical Review Condition ("106 Condition") on the Ore Dock itself. The Notice of Consummation for that portion of the Ore Dock Line not covered by the 106 Condition is due February 23, 2007. However, for reasons set forth herein and pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §1129(e)(2), WCL seeks an extension of the date by which it needs to file a Notice of Consummation for the portion of the Ore Dock Line not covered by the 106 Condition.

REASON IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST

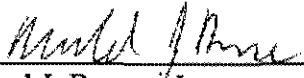
Besides the proposal with the Northeastern Maritime Historical Foundation (the "Foundation") at issue in this docket, WCL is involved in a number of other projects in the City of Ashland. WCL is in negotiations to convey property to the City of Ashland under the STB's NITU provisions. See AB-303 (Sub-No. 26X), Wisconsin Central Ltd.—Abandonment

Exemption—in Ashland County, Wisconsin. WCL is also in the process of relocating its main line through the heart of Ashland to accommodate redevelopment in Ashland and to eliminate at-grade rail-highway crossings. These projects as well as abandonment of the Ore Dock Line will all potentially involve conveyances of real property interests to the City, and as part of these negotiations WCL hopes to resolve a number of outstanding issues with the City concerning WCL's property in Ashland. To the fullest extent possible, WCL would like to resolve these issues and negotiate those conveyances all at once. This minimizes administrative burdens and makes the process more efficient for all parties. These projects also involve the removal of track and other OTM from various line segments. WCL would like to be able to do all track removals and consolidations at once as much as possible, and to do it in conjunction with any remaining work WCL may still need to do on the Ore Dock, pending approval of its proposal to convey the Ore Dock to the Foundation. This would allow WCL to muster its salvage forces at one time and minimize the cost of these projects.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

For the reasons set forth herein, WCL respectfully requests that the STB extend the due date for filing the Notice of Consummation on the Ore Dock Line for that portion of the Ore Dock Line not covered by the 106 Condition until such time as the WCL is able to consummate the abandonment of the Ore Dock itself.

Respectfully Submitted,

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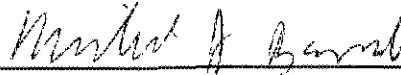
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the attached document was served upon the addresses listed below by facsimile and by mailing true and correct copies via First Class U.S. Mail, postage thereon fully prepaid and depositing the same in the United States Mail, Chicago, Illinois this 18th day of January, 2007.

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